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SUBJECT: PROPOSED NAVOCFORMED VISIT TO BARCELONA

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1. DEPARTMENT OFFICER TOLD DUTCH EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY
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WE NOW BELIEVE DANES WILL NOT OPPOSE THE NAVOCFORMED VISIT TO BARCELONA BUT WOULD RATHER ACQUIESCE TO IT UNDER DPC SILENT PROCEDURE. STATE OFFICER EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS WILL FOLLOW THE SAME COURSE. FIRST SECRETARY TOOK CAREFUL NOTES AND REPLIED THAT HE WOULD INFORM HIS GOVERNMENT.

2. FYI: SPEAKING UNOFFICIALLY, HE OBSERVED THAT SINCE FOREIGN MINISTER IN NEW DUTCH GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE MAX VAN DER STOEL, WHO IS KNOWN TO HAVE STRONGLY UNFAVORABLE VIEWS ON SPANISH REGIME, IT WOULD BE WISE TO MOVE QUICKLY ON THE PROPOSED VISIT. END FYI.

3. ANOTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICER CONTACTED THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR OF THE NORWEGIAN EMBASSY, AND NOTED OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY WOULD ONLY SPEAK OUT AGAINST THE VISIT IF THE DANISH PERMREP DID SO IN THE DPC. SINCE THIS IS NOT THE CASE, AS INDICATED IN REF B, DEPARTMENT OFFICER ASKED FOR ASSURANCES THAT THE GON WOULD NOT RAISE OBJECTIONS TO APPROVAL OF THE VISIT UNDER THE SILENT PROCEDURE. POLITICAL COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT HE PERSONALLY SAW NO PROBLEMS, BUT WOULD COMMUNICATE WITH HIS GOVERNMENT.

4. MISSION SHOULD THEREFORE QUERY PERMREPS OF DENMARK, NORWAY AND THE NETHERLANDS TO ASCERTAIN IF THEY HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO RAISE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED VISIT DURING DPC CONSIDERATION. IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE REPORTED BY MISSION, WE ASSUME THAT AFSOUTH WILL FORMALLY PROPOSE THE VISIT TO SACEUR FOR EVENTUAL APPROVAL AND SUBMISSION TO DPC. ROGERS

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